

FEEDBACK NETWORK
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SUBJECT LINE: Funding Opportunity announced for the Accountable Community of Health Initiative

Dear Feedback Network Member,

The Health Care Authority (HCA) announced a funding opportunity today for the next phase of the Accountable Community of Health (ACH) Initiative. ACHs are a key component of Healthier Washington's Community Empowerment and Accountability investment, which is one of five investment areas along with Practice Transformation, Payment Redesign, Analytics, Interoperability and Measurement, and Project Management. You can read the Healthier Washington grant proposal here: http://www.hca.wa.gov/hw/Documents/SIM_Grant_Application.pdf

Funded by the State Legislature through E2SHB 2572, an initial step of the ACH Initiative started earlier this year with six-month Community of Health Planning grants. This opportunity funded 10 communities to consider plans for ACH design, including stakeholder engagement and organizational structure. More information on the planning grants can be found here: http://www.hca.wa.gov/hw/Pages/communities_of_health.aspx

The ACH Initiative will now move into the next phase of development, with two ACH Pilot grant opportunities to test organizational structure and governance, as authorized through E2SHB 2572. The opportunity provides up to \$300,000 total for two Pilot ACHs to demonstrate how the core functions of an ACH will ensure success in design and execution of a regional initiative that makes progress toward achievement of better health, better care and lower costs in the pilot community.

The grant announcement also provides the potential opportunity of continued funding for communities across the state to further design and build out governance and organizational structures. These awards are contingent upon the award of federal grant funding the State applied for under the \$92.4 million Healthier Washington proposal.

The grant opportunity announcement is listed here: <http://www.hca.wa.gov/Pages/rfp.aspx>. Letters of Intent for Pilot and Design applications are due November 19. Pilot ACH applications are due December 8 and expected to be announced January 2015.

All questions about this grant opportunity must be directed to HCA's Grant Opportunity Announcement coordinator at contracts@hca.wa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in a Healthier Washington and for helping make Washington a healthy place to live, work, and play!

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